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HEAVY DOCKET FOR SPRING COURT

Many Liquor Cases to be Heard

BURDETTE CASE STARTS TODAY

Spring Term of General Sessions Court Convened Monday with Judge W. H. Townsend Presiding. Burdette Case to be Called This Morning.

The Court of General Sessions convened Monday morning with His Honor, W. H. Townsend, of Columbia, presiding and the other court officers in their respective places. The greater part of the forenoon was taken up in organizing, a delay being caused by the necessity of drawing a grand juror in place of one who had moved from the county. R. L. Wolf was drawn to serve in his place. Three petit jurors were excused for cause and the following drawn to serve in their places: J. A. Leaman, J. J. Glenn and F. K. Taylor. Robert H. Roper was appointed by the court as foreman of the grand jury. This being the first term of the new grand jury, the court set forth their duties in a very earnest and impressive manner.

The grand jury completed its work Tuesday afternoon and after making its presentment to the court was dismissed for the term. With the exception of a recommendation that the supervisor and treasurer be authorized and directed to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, the presentment was merely a formal document as the jury had just undertaken its work.

True Bills

The grand jury reported out the following true bills:

Violation of the Prohibition Law: J. H. Holmes, P. G. Kanelos, Vanve Johnson, Jim Boiter, R. E. Cox, Rich Shell, Box Mims, J. D. Pitts, William Gantt, Will Wilson, Martha Hill Ralph Abercrombie, Wayne Abercrombie, Booth Abercrombie, Furman Abercrombie, Fred Abercrombie, Pink Farmer, Lizzie Simpson, B. McIntire and S. A. Mills.

For Murder—Dugan Long, Robert Gilland, Claude Owings, Ludie Fuller.

For House Breaking and Larceny—Melvin Anderson and Dave Pulham. Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill—Geo. Woody, Will Gambrell, Garrett Phelps, Liddle Workman, Claude Goodman, John Peterson, Conway Todd, James Beeks, May Pitts, Yancy Ouzts and Furman Sullivan.

Forgery—King Morrow.

Burglary and Larceny—Tom Johnson, Floyd Ouzts.

Malicious Mischief—ancy and Nora Ouzts.

Obtaining Goods Under False Pretense—Sam Sullivan.

Disposing of Property Under Lien—B. H. Howard, Abb Shell.

"No Bills" were found in the following cases:

Edd Tucker, obtaining goods under false pretenses.

A. D. Robertson, disposing of property under lien.

Wayne Abercrombie and Wister Workman, seduction.

The following entered pleas of guilty:

Clarence Boyd, violation of prohibition law, 6 months, 4 months suspended during good behavior.

Geo. Woody, assault and battery; 3 months or \$125.

B. McIntire, violation of prohibition law; 6 months, 4 months suspended during good behavior.

Lizzie Simpson, same sentence.

King Morrow, forgery, two years.

Liddle Workman, assault and battery, \$100 or 2 months.

Wister Davis, house breaking and larceny; not sentenced.

The first case tried was that of Melvin Anderson and Dave Pulham, house breaking and larceny, it being charged that they entered a store at Lanford Station. They were found guilty, but sentence has not been passed.

Rosa Gray, colored, was acquitted of the murder of her husband at Lydia Mill last July. Self defense was her plea.

Ernest Coleman was given \$50 or 30 days for disorderly conduct on the highways.

The court was engaged last night with the case of Caroline Leaman and

DR. GEO. C. ALBRIGHT ENDS HIS LIFE

Dies From Self-Administered Dose of Poisonous Fluid Friday Afternoon. Burial at Clinton.

The funeral services over the body of the late Dr. Geo. C. Albright, who was found dead in his office in this city Friday afternoon shortly before three o'clock, were held from the home of his sister, Mrs. Hale Shands, in Clinton, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the remains laid to rest in the Presbyterian cemetery immediately afterwards. The services were conducted by Dr. D. J. Woods and Rev. J. F. Jacobs, Presbyterian ministers of Clinton, and Rev. C. T. Squires, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, of which the deceased was a member.

The last rites were attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives both from Laurens and Clinton, many of whom carried floral tributes which were tenderly laid upon the grave after the services. The active pall bearers were Dr. T. L. Timmerman, Dr. Clifton Jones, E. W. Copeland, Dr. J. H. Teague, Dr. W. D. Ferguson, Lawrence Kennedy, Ross D. Young and R. V. Irby. The honorary pall bearers from Laurens were Gov. R. A. Cooper, Messrs. R. F. Jones, Brooks Swygert, C. H. Roper, H. Terry, C. M. Miller, Claude Babb, F. M. Smith, Dr. W. H. Dtal, T. D. Lake, Dr. R. E. Hughes, W. G. Lancaster, J. N. Wright, Dr. C. P. Vincent, S. P. Babb, M. L. Copeland and J. Warren Bolt. Honorary pall bearers from Clinton were G. A. Copeland, J. R. Copeland, J. T. Robertson, B. L. King, G. W. Young, Dr. M. J. McFadden, Dr. W. R. Johnson, J. W. Leake, R. Z. Wright, J. A. Bailey, E. W. Ferguson and Dr. A. E. Spencer.

The body of Dr. Albright, with life extinct, was discovered in his office Friday afternoon shortly before three o'clock, circumstances in the case clearly indicating that he had died as a result of a self-administered dose of a poisonous liquid. A note which he wrote prior to his death, but which he tore up before the end came and throw on the floor, was patched together, by early arrivals at the scene of his death and disclosed his intention to seek in death a relief from a long period of sickness and inability to work. Another note, left to his family, was placed in their hands. The body was found in the dressing room of his office by his son, Geo. C. Albright, Jr., Dr. T. L. Timmerman and Mr. C. H. Babb, who went to his office after his family had become uneasy upon his failure to attend the midday meal or answer the telephone.

Dr. Albright was a native of Clinton and was 51 years of age. He was a graduate of the dental college at Vanderbilt University and soon after his graduation opened his office in Laurens, where he had a wide and lucrative practice which ill health during recent years forced him in part to give up. He was recognized as one of the leading dentists of the section and was honored on several occasions by being elected president of the district dental association. He was one of the most popular and highly esteemed citizens of the community, being singularly possessed with the quality of making friends.

Besides his widow, who was Miss Nannie Vance, of Clinton, and a sister, Mrs. Hale Shands, of the same place, Dr. Albright is survived by three sons, Geo. C., William Vance and Clarence Albright, the eldest being at home from college on account of an injury received in a foot-ball game.

Miss Carrie Goodman

Miss Carrie Goodman, an estimable young woman of Cross Hill, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blufford Goodman at that place Saturday morning and was buried at Liberty Springs church Sunday at 12 o'clock. Rev. W. B. Ratchford conducting the services. Miss Goodman was a trained nurse by profession and was actively engaged in that work up until a few weeks before her death.

Preaching at Gray Court.

Rev. C. T. Squires expects to fill his appointment next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Dorroh Presbyterian church at Gray Court.

Horace Elmore, colored, charged with murder.

The court will take up the Burdette case this morning. The Owings case is set for Thursday.

SOME TEACHERS GET PAY

In Spite of Stringency County Treasurer Has Been Able to Pay Teachers from Some Districts.

Despite the cry of "No money for teachers" Laurens County is paying out considerable salaries each month for teachers, according to Superintendent Wilson. During the month of February the County Treasurer paid warrants amounting to \$18,696.00. Up to March the first the Treasurer had paid to school teachers \$166,659.00.

The inability to pay teachers in certain cases has been brought about by the slowness with which taxes have been paid and the uncertainty as to what the legislature was going to do in regard to state appropriations. In the districts that have spent all of the district funds even after all of the taxes have been paid the only hope is for state aid. The legislature has, reasonably taken care of these districts, according to the State Superintendent.

In the districts where the funds have not been entirely spent the warrants of the teachers can not be met at present because of the fact that many people were hard hit by the economic depression and were thus not able to pay taxes before the penalty went on. Such warrants will be paid just as soon as enough taxes are paid in to take care of them. The Superintendent states that the Treasurer is paying claims just as promptly as his finances will allow.

Such conditions are found in other counties as well as in Laurens county, reports the County Superintendent. Every now and then the report comes that Newberry or some other county is paying the teachers. Supt. Wilson says he has investigated the report and has found that similar conditions exist in Spartanburg, Newberry and Greenville counties as exist in Laurens county and that Laurens teachers are not alone in their misery.

ANNUAL CONTESTS

ON APRIL FIRST

Athletes and Orators from Laurens County High Schools to Compete Here Friday, April 1st. Prizes for Athletes.

The Laurens County Teachers Association at its last meeting decided to hold the annual track meet and oratorical contest in Laurens on Friday, April 1st. Every school in the county for white children is invited to take part. The track meet will be held on the athletic field of the Laurens city schools, beginning at 2 P. M. Two boys may be entered in each event, and there is no limit to the number of contestants from each school. There will be ten events as follows: 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, 440 yard run, half-mile run, 120 yard hurdles, running high jump, pole vault, running broad jump, discus throw, and shot put. Prizes will be given the winners in each event.

The speaking contests will be held in the evening. There will be one contest for boys and one for girls. Each school may enter one pupil in each contest. The selections, which need not be original, must not be more than 12 minutes in length.

For further information write Supt. H. W. Gasque, Laurens, S. C., or Supt. J. H. Witherspoon, Clinton, S. C.

Another Homicide Near Gray Court

Bessie Jones, a negro woman, was shot and almost instantly killed near Gray Court last Friday by Luther Fuller, a negro man, according to testimony introduced at the coroner's inquest which followed the homicide. The woman was walking in the road with another man, according to the testimony, when Fuller appeared on the scene. The shooting occurred in a quarrel which ensued. Fuller was later arrested and placed in the county jail.

Mrs. John Finley Dead

News was received in the city yesterday of the death in Macon, Ga., of Mrs. John Finley, who moved to that place about two years ago with her husband, who is the eldest son of Mr. John R. Finley, of Maddens. Before her marriage she was a Miss Martin, of this county, and has many relatives and friends who will deeply regret her death.

New County Nurse Arrives

Miss Katherine Hagquith, of Los Angeles Cal., arrived in the city yesterday to take the place of Miss Minnie Rogers, the county nurse, who resigned some time ago on account of ill health.

ORGANIZING BOYS' CLUBS

Campaign for Enrollment in Boys Clubs Continues.

Mr. A. A. McKeown, District Farm Demonstration Agent, was in the county last week during Wednesday and Thursday and visited several schools with County Agent J. E. Trevathan in the interests of Boys' Club Work in Laurens county. Club work was discussed briefly at Princeton on Wednesday night where two boys have joined the club. The following schools were visited Thursday by Mr. McKeown and Mr. Trevathan: Hickory Tavern, Friendship, Ekom, Mt. Olive and Mt. Gallagher. Boys and girls alike seemed to enjoy the talks made by Mr. McKeown on the subject of Club Work. The campaign for enrollment in club work will be continued in the county to a greater or less degree until May. It is important to join early, however, in order to get the full benefit of the work.

Here are eight of the leading objects of Boys' Club Work as suggested by L. L. Baker, Supervising Agent of Boys Club Work:

1. To enlarge the vision of the boy and to give him definite purposes at a very important period in his life.
2. To interest the boy in improved agricultural methods at a period when he can be most easily reached.
3. To assist in the development of the spirit of co-operation in the family and in the community.
4. To dignify the vocation of farming, to emphasize its possibilities, and thus encourage the boys to remain on the farm.
5. To emphasize the importance of keeping farm records and accounts.
6. To make the boy a demonstrator of the facts of scientific agriculture.
7. To develop leadership, responsibility, and importance of co-operation and organization.
8. To assist the boy in making money for himself.

Talk to your boy about club work and encourage him to join either the Pig Club, Corn Club, or the Calf Club. J. E. TREVATHAN, County Agent.

DR. MULLINS TO SPEAK

Will Make an Address Here Next Monday.

An associational conference of the Baptist Churches of the County will be held here on Monday, the 21st inst., at which time Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will make an address at 11 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church and dinner will be served by the ladies. An afternoon session will also be held at which time other speakers will be provided.

Dr. Mullins, who is one of the foremost Baptists of the nation, has recently returned from a six-months tour of Europe and he will give the facts of the European conditions and the work the denomination is doing at first hand. Every church of the Laurens Association is asked to send representatives.

BISHOP FINLAY TO PREACH

Will Deliver Address at Episcopal Church Friday Night. Public Invited.

Rev. K. G. Finlay, D. D., Bishop-Coadjutor of the Episcopal diocese of South Carolina, will deliver the last address in the series of Lenten addresses at the Church of the Epiphany on next Friday night at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "The Contribution of the Episcopal Church to a United Christianity." The public has been extended a cordial invitation to hear him on this, his first visit to Laurens. He will also preach at 11 o'clock on next Sunday morning at the Church of the Epiphany.

Capt. Fleming Very Ill

Messrs. R. F. and H. C. Fleming have been spending several days in Greenwood on account of the serious illness of their father, Capt. R. F. Fleming. Reports from these yesterday were to the effect that Capt. Fleming's condition showed no signs of improvement and that there was little hope for his recovery.

Business Picking Up

Business in the automobile line seems to be picking up a little, said Mr. T. R. Easterby, of the Easterby Motor Company, yesterday. He reports a number of enquiries for cars during the past week and Monday his concern delivered a Dodge sedan to Dr. M. J. McFadden, of Clinton.

CHRISTIANIZING INFLUENCE NEEDED IN CAPITAL

Rev. A. R. Bird Lays Conditions in National Capital on Hearts of His Hearers Thursday Night.

Rev. Andrew R. Bird, pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims, Washington, D. C., who has been speaking all over the south on the religious situation in Washington city, and who addressed the Laymen's Convention in Greenville Wednesday, came down on the day following, upon the invitation of Rev. C. T. Squires, to address a meeting at the Presbyterian church Thursday evening. He also addressed the Laurens high school on Friday morning.

The special purpose of Mr. Bird, as outlined at the Presbyterian church, is to lay upon the hearts of the Christian people of America a sense of responsibility for the spiritual atmosphere of Washington City, the capital of the nation, to awake the country to a realization of the fact that the spiritual condition of Washington is not a local problem, but is a national responsibility.

Mr. Bird called attention to the fact that Americans generally think of Washington as a political center, but seldom have thought of it as a center of spiritual influence. He showed that Washington has a very great requirement for the best Christian influences for four reasons. First, there live in Washington the correspondents practically of every newspaper in the United States. Every time the sun rises its light makes visible to the minds of America the thoughts which during the darkness of the preceding night have flashed over the wires from the minds and hearts of these correspondents in Washington. These men do not merely report the facts, but they report the facts as seen through the media of their own spiritual outlook. If they believe that the principles of Christ are applicable and practical for business and for government today, then an impulse for good goes throughout America every twenty-four hours and makes it easier to put over movements for righteousness in every town and hamlet under the Stars and Stripes. If these men can be influenced by a Christian atmosphere in Washington, the good effects are felt throughout the land every day in the year.

Another reason why the best Christian atmosphere is needed in Washington, it was shown, is because there lives in that city another group of men who control the business of America. The Congress of the United States, by its taxation laws, fixes the prices and controls the business of the country. Mr. Bird urged his hearers to enter into a sympathetic understanding of the burdens which they impose upon their servants in the congress and senate of the United States. He suggested the case of a corporation which discovered that it could make a million dollars a year extra profit for their stockholders if it could get a certain law changed. Of course it would go to Washington to try to get the law changed. Now, it might be simple justice to change that law according to the desire of that corporation. Or, it might work a grievous hardship on a large class of citizens to change it. The point is that the full force of that extra million dollars profit is brought to bear upon the characters of a comparatively small group of men in Washington. Mr. Bird cited the testimony of a man prominent in this state as a religious leader to the effect that a friend of his had refused to allow himself to be re-elected to congress and had given as his reason that he thought more of his own soul than he did of his seat in the congress of the United States. "I quit congress," he said, "to save my soul." Mr. Bird also quoted a number of other congressmen to the same effect. The wife of another member of congress in discussing these various cases with Mr. Bird remarked to him that she had always felt that a congressman never left his home in the morning and went down to his office that he did not have some sharp temptation of this sort put up to him. Under these circumstances Mr. Bird asked his hearers whether they did not feel that every American Christian should unite to keep the beacons of unselfish service and of Christlike influence burning brightly in an atmosphere where men were so largely trusted and so sorely tempted.

Mr. Bird brought to the attention of

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BARRETT CHARGES HIDDEN INFLUENCES

"Assistant Government" Behind Washington Scenes

FARMER'S HEAD MAKES CHARGES

Head of National Farmer's Union Says "Assistant Government" in Washington, made up of Representatives of Various Interests, a Great Power.

Washington, March 14.—Existence of "a new and powerful 'assistant' government" in Washington, made up of the representatives of various interests, is charged in a statement issued here tonight by Charles S. Barrett, of Union City, Ga., president of the National Farmers' Union and chairman of the national board of farm organizations.

"The 'assistant' government," Mr. Barrett says, "has one advantage over the constitutional government. It is more effectually trained for its work. It is an association of specialists. Eminent men and women who know all the legislative, administrative and bureaucratic avenues, streets and alleys in Washington, belong to this interesting and patriotic collection of men and women."

Individuals named by Mr. Barrett as included among these are Joseph DeFrees, of Chicago, president of the United States chamber of commerce; Alfred P. Thom, general counsel of the Association Railway Executives; J. D. A. Morrow, vice president of the National Coal Association; George H. Cushing, managing director of the Wholesale Coal Dealers' Association; James A. Emery, general counsel for the National Association of Manufacturers; Willis Compton, of the Hardwood Lumbermen's Association; John H. Kirby, of the Southern Pine Men and R. T. Strasbaugh, president of the National Cannery's Association.

Even the foreign governments are not without their representatives, according to Mr. Barrett. He says:

"Of course it is improper for foreign diplomats to attempt to influence American legislative or executive action, but a way has been found to accomplish this. Legislative committees have been created under the names of educational bureaus or such like. These have no definite or tangible connection with any accredited diplomats, nevertheless the country which the diplomat represents is the beneficiary of their activities."

Mr. Barrett says no one has yet taken a complete census of the men and women associated with the "assistant government," but that "it is estimated by persons who believe they have correct information that for every man in both branches of congress there are at least two patriots in Washington ready and eager to instruct him in his duties."

"If a statesman is in doubt on a matter," he continued, "all he has to do is to consult with a member of the inner circle of the 'assistant government' and he can instantly be set straight."

Mr. Barrett asserts that Mr. DeFrees, who recently was elected president of the chamber of commerce of the United States, "has been given a place among the notables who are in Washington to assist the government in its effort to do its duty."

Mr. Thom, according to Mr. Barrett, "knows more about the transportation problem insofar as it may be made a subject of national legislation, than any man in the United States."

"Mr. Thom has for years benevolently instructed the interstate and foreign commerce committees of both houses of congress on what ought to be done to and for the railroads," Mr. Barrett continues. "He has the respect and confidence of many of the leaders and the approaches to the inner legislative circles have never been closed to him. He has shown himself on many occasions to be able to divert that thought of leaders from other and important legislation to matters in which the Association of Railway Executives are especially interested."

"One of the most virile and helpful organizations which is assisting the government in its efforts to give the

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